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Discussion points for Interview on November 2, 2005 @ 2:30 PM (EST):

1. Independent claim 1 rejected under Section 103(a) over Andrew et al. and in view of Weisman II, with particular attention to Weisman II.
2. Neither reference teaches or suggests, either singularly or in combination "outputting, while the system is turned off, a signal indicative of defects in the operation of the system."
3. In addition, neither reference teaches or suggests, either singularly or in combination, "examining, while the system is turned off, the data items in said database."
4. Differences between monitoring an internal combustion engine versus a compressed-air generating system.

Sincerely,

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